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Student arrested for cocaine possession

by Brian Reilly
News Editor

In the first cocaine-related arrest of a student on campus, Metropolitan Police apprehended a freshman Friday night in his Thurston Hall room, charging him with possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

According to D.C. court and police officials, Andrew Degenholtz, a New Jersey resident, was released after posting bail minutes before 5 p.m. Saturday after a night in D.C. jail.

Police confiscated about 20 vials of pure cocaine, worth approximately \$2,000, according to Office of Housing and Residence Life Director Ann E. Webster. Along with cocaine possession with intent to sell, Degenholtz has also been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to sources, security and police officials also confiscated a written list of students who were to buy cocaine. "I would sure like to get my hands on that list," Webster said yesterday.

A non-GW student visiting Degenholtz was also in the room during the arrest, Webster added, but police on the scene permitted the guest to leave. She said the University may investigate the guest's involvement in the case.

A Thurston resident witnessed Degenholtz's possession of the cocaine and alerted University Police. GW officers arrived in the 7th floor residence at around 11 p.m. and arrested Degenholtz, holding him until D.C. police arrived.

University Police officials could not be reached for comment. Metropolitan police information concerning the arrest is not yet available.

Commenting on the extent of drug use on campus, Webster said, "Until this most recent activity, it was relatively subdued. A lot of the activity was with marijuana and bongs," water pipes used to smoke marijuana.

"This is rather frightening that we have this kind of activity," Webster said, suggesting this instance of cocaine use may be an exception.

GW Dean of Students Gail Short Hanson, who declared this the first time a GW student has ever been arrested for cocaine possession on campus, said all other drug arrests concerned the possession of marijuana. She believes this case poses a significant concern.

"We know GW is not an island," she said, referring to the University's vulnerability to the increasing drug trade in the city. "We do have a problem."

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ROBERT BORK looks up to more than 300 students in a speech Wednesday at Lerner Hall
photo by Jeremy Azif

Bork addresses GW

by John F. Maynard
Asst. News Editor

Retired D.C. Appeals Court Judge Robert H. Bork, whose Supreme Court justice nomination by then-President Ronald Reagan was rejected by the Senate, predicted Wednesday at GW that President Bush will face a difficult battle if he is granted the chance to nominate one or more Supreme Court Justices.

"I think his administration will agree with (his nominations), but he faces a Senate that does not agree with him," Bork said at the National Law Center's 10th Annual Manuel F. Cohen Memorial Lecture as part of the NLC Enrichment Program. "I don't know which strategy he will take."

Bork, now a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and a best selling author, addressed an overflow crowd of approximately 300 people in Lerner Hall.

He said Bush has two ways of going about the approval process. "If he gets the chance to make a nomination, he can either nominate someone who does hold the view of original understanding (of the Constitution)," he said, "(or) he may nominate one or more persons whose view are unknown, not on the record."

According to Bork, the nomination process in the Senate has had an adverse effect to the selection process. "Since recent developments, I think you see the selection becoming more and more political," he said. "I think (William) Lucas' nomination (to head the Civil Rights division of the Justice Department) was rejected largely on political grounds. 'He had as many qualifications as many who held the job in the past.'"

A strong proponent of strict interpretation (or original understanding)

of the Constitution, Bork questioned why this view has become controversial. "If a judge does not apply original understanding of a legal document, where does he get his law?" Bork asked. "There is nowhere to get his law except his own preference."

"If he does not look to a document, he looks inside himself," he added.

In dealing with such matters as abortion or right-to-die cases, Bork said the Constitution stipulates that the decisions be based on the moral choices of the American people.

"The future of the court will depend on a large majority of American people's understanding of judges' duties to both the Constitution and rights of self-government," he said.

Classifying the current Supreme Court as conservative "is not true," Bork added.

"If you look at the (case which prohibited displays of nativity scenes on public property) and the flag-burning case . . . that's not the case," Bork said. "We have an evenly divided court."

Abortion remains the one matter that divides the court, according to Bork. With four opposed to *Roe v. Wade* and the other four supporting the decision legalizing abortion, Bork said there is one judge who can make the difference. "(Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor) is unwilling to overturn *Roe v. Wade* completely," Bork said, "but is willing to allow more legal control over the process."

Following the lecture, Bork was asked if he would consider going back to teaching. "I'll never go back to full-time," said Bork, a former Yale University law professor who will be teaching a constitutional law class at George Mason University next fall. "I've put in my time."

Virginian venture fails GW loses Rosslyn apartments to FDIC

by Patrice Sonberg
Managing Editor

The University's plan to sign a three-year lease with the Virginian — a high-rise apartment in Rosslyn, Va. — fell through Friday when apartment officials said a current occupant reclaimed the spaces GW intended to use as student residences.

Forty-six students had reserved rooms at the Virginian in-hall lottery, according to Ann E. Webster, director of Housing and Residence Life. To accommodate these students, OHRL set aside 24 rooms — eight in Milton Hall, eight in Francis Scott Key Hall, four in Riverside Hall and four in Munson Hall — and will hold a separate lottery for these rooms sometime this week.

According to GW Investment/Leasing Officer Kenneth D. Brooks, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation had space in the Virginian, but told apartment officials they were moving to a different location. However, the FDIC exercised their option to reclaim the spaces before March 23. Brooks said GW was never aware the FDIC had this agreement.

"I do not recall them saying they could reclaim (the rooms)," he said. "They said there was no problem."

Virginian officials were not able to be reached Friday by phone.

Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak said representatives from the University were "misled" by negotiators from the Virginian.

"From what I can gather," Chernak said, "in all the recent negotiations with the Virginian, they had always led the University to believe the (FDIC) was not coming back next year."

"I'm very disappointed," Webster said. "If we knew the FDIC had this option, we wouldn't have pursued it."

"I think it was a surprise on both parts," she added, referring to both GW and Virginian officials.

According to Brooks, the contract had been revised several times by GW and Virginian lawyers and was signed by University officials Wednesday.

The recent contract negotiations concerned only details, Chernak said, noting GW and the Virginian had an "oral agreement."

When asked if the University would be taking legal action against the Virginian, Brooks said, "I wouldn't want to speculate on that right now."

"We'll put together some kind of report on how we got into this situation," Chernak said. "It's premature to assume there would be (any legal action taken)."

"Facts were concealed during the negotiations. Whether (it was) done with malice or forethought would be pure conjecture," he added.

Brooks said it is "doubtful" the University will get additional housing for the 1990-91 academic year, noting it will be difficult to find another building such as the Virginian.

"There are no units close by that would be like this," he said. "It took a long time to go out and survey places . . . many weren't appropriate for students. It's a problem finding a big block or unit of rooms."

"Whether or not we'll try for next year — I don't know," he added.

According to Webster, the loss of the Virginian will make the housing situation "a little tighter than we thought."

However, she said, OHRL will not know how this change will affect the reorganization of Thurston Hall until freshmen admissions figures are complete. The University had planned to reconstruct the study lounges on each floor and bring the rooms back to their intended capacity, with the exception of the six-person rooms.

Chernak said after spending the night in Thurston Hall last semester, he thought students would prefer to decrease the room density rather than have the study lounges, but noted the final decision would be made by OHRL.

"We won't have the flexibility we had," Chernak said. "(There are) 200 less spaces in the inventory than what we projected. This clearly, on a temporary basis, sets us back."

The students who reserved space in the Virginian — nine juniors, 11 sophomores and 26 freshmen — can opt to either take the on-campus housing or receive a full \$300 refund. However, Webster said, sophomores who choose to stay in the residence halls must be on the meal plan. According to Assistant

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Moore thoughts: Tandy — The sexiest bet to win the Oscars

Tonight is the night — the big Hollywood blowout. The ultimate annual lesson for students of pop culture.

That's right, it's Oscar Day. Even as you read this, Jessica Tandy is dusting off her coffee table. The woman is a sure bet tonight to win the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in *Driving Miss Daisy*.

As well she should. But the whole thing is going to get me back in trouble again.

I love Tandy as much as anyone, perhaps more than most, but I've taken some heat for my Tandy-loving. One little crack about how Tandy and Michelle Pfeiffer are the two sexiest women in America and

I've become the subject of more than a few Oedipal jokes. Or grand-Oedipal jokes. Or whatever.

Just about no one agrees with me that Jessica Tandy is sexy or gorgeous or, er, hot. This is problematic to me. But then just about everything is problematic to me, like those damn caplets — why can't we go back to a time when we had tablets or capsules, just one or the other? Why do we always have to combine things? Why is that necessarily improving things? And why did the phone company have to explode into a million little pieces, each with its own advertising division? I guess we live in complicated times.

Anyway, getting back to Tandy

and sex appeal, I find sexiness in survival and old people have survived. Tandy has not only survived, she has done it with grace. Physical grace. Watching this woman work on a Broadway stage, whether she's dancing with the ghost of a dead husband in "Foxfire" or making bitterness seem rational as the mother in "The Glass Menagerie," she has proven that Helen Hayes could only be considered the First Lady of American Theater is to say you've never left Washington.

So survivors are sexy. So is talent. Longevity is just-inspiring (OK, I'm getting carried away here). Style and intelligence are attractive traits,

whether you are 80 years old (and Tandy is) or just 21. You may or may not be as young as you feel, but people like Jessica Tandy prove that you are as sexy as your talent.

Of course most people think I'm mentally ill. They see a certain age where sex appeal stops — that makes no sense. If being old means being unsexy, then it would follow that being young means being sexy.

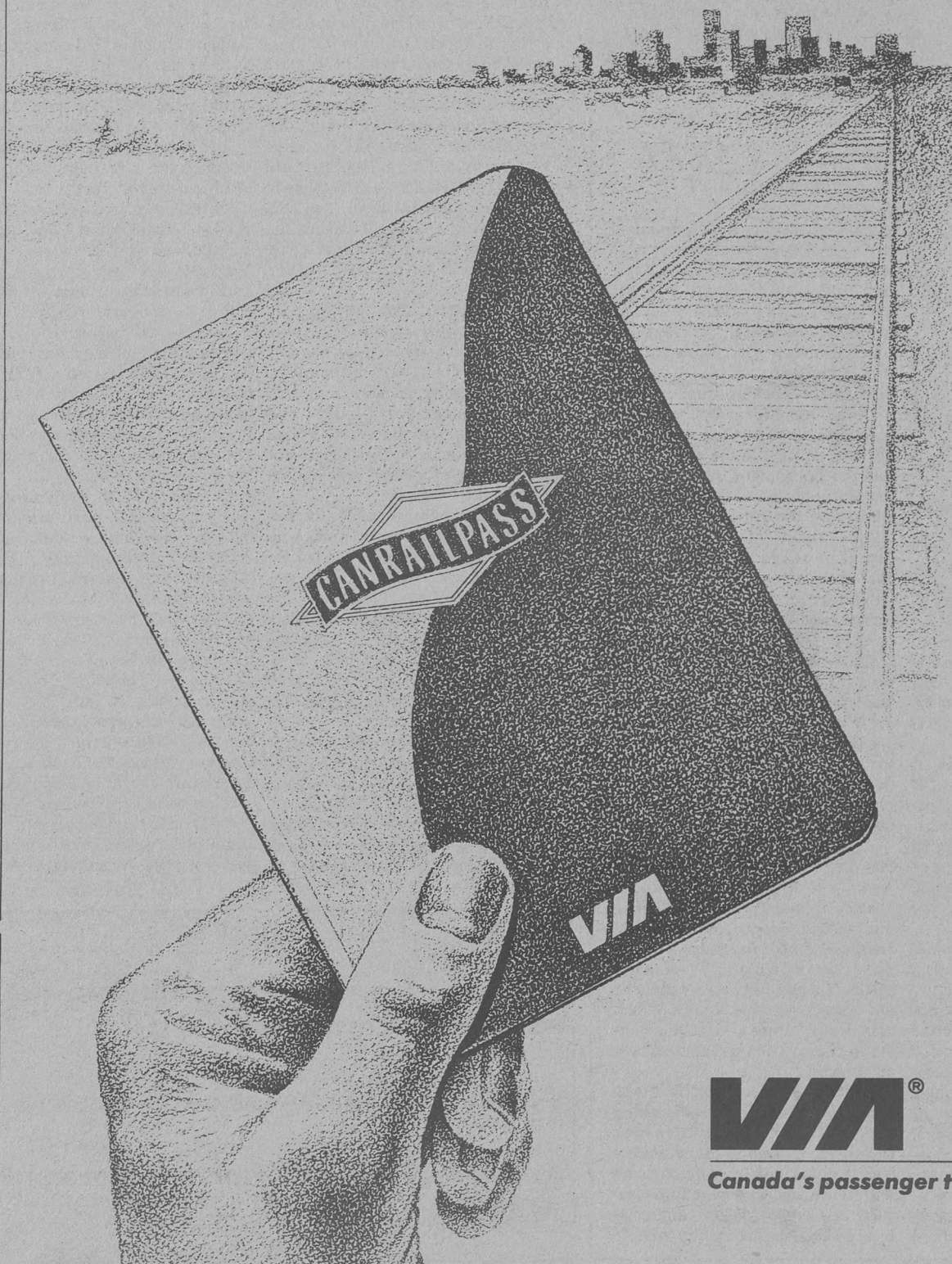
huh? But that doesn't work at all, as you know all too well from walking around in the cruel sunlight that shines down on some very bow-wow young faces. It's ironic how people who don't understand sexiness like Tandy's are the least attractive folks of all.

Admittedly, Tandy might have more years on her than I'd like for a romantic companion, but her five-star marriage with fellow acting legend Hume Cronyn is proof of something. Photos of Tandy and Cronyn in the current issue of *Life* magazine are like food for a world starved by divorce, disease and too much trivia about the "Today" show.

This is all to say we should revel in people like Tandy and Cronyn. We should celebrate the best, just as they celebrate each other. We had better change our idea of what's beautiful and has energy and is appealing. We need to change our notions about age and sexiness — before we get too old.

—Christopher Moore

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Students study aerospace at NASA

GW program offers spacecraft research and development

Sonja Sweeney

Hatchet Staff Writer

A plane hangar at NASA's Langley Research Center, nearly 180 miles from Washington, D.C., is the home of GW's Joint Institute for Advancement of Flight Sciences program, where nearly 200 students are researching and developing materials for use in various spacecraft.

JIAFS grants degrees through GW's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences to graduate students in flight sciences, with options in aeronautics, astronautics and aeroacoustics. The program has graduated 513 researchers with masters, doctoral and professional degrees since its start in 1968.

GW has two programs with NASA: JIAFS, plus the Cooperative Research and Educational Program in Space Technology which began last fall. JIAFS is unique because it is the only program which NASA has with a college or university that employs tenured faculty and houses full-time students, said Dr. John Whitesides, associate director of JIAFS.

Some of the research at Langley focuses on building a space station and a mission to Mars. Whitesides said a space station or base on the moon will be needed as a way-station between Earth and Mars because "the equipment needed to make such a venture is too large to take up in a single trip."

Students are researching different materials which can be used in space. Carl Byington, a GW student in the program, is working on the transportation cooling of a transverse fuel jet with supersonic combustion, which has an application in developing a material that will be used in a spacecraft such as the National Aero-Space Plane.

Byington said the affiliation with NASA is what attracted him to the program.

Students at JIAFS are considered "contractors," Byington said. They can use the resources of any department or office at NASA to get equipment or render clerical services they need for their research.

"You can't get that at a university," he added.

Byington said there is a lot of support for the program at the NASA base. Extracurricular activities such as volleyball are offered and every month and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics offers symposiums with experts in various fields.

Because a large percentage of the students do not stay at NASA-Langley after graduation, there is a need for a job placement program. Byington recently chaired a committee which sent out a publication on the program, including graduates' resumes, to employers around the country.

The program has grown since its first class in 1970 which graduated four students with Master of Science degrees. According to SEAS Dean Harold Liebowitz, the program is "turning out the best engineers in the country." Forty-two students are expected to graduate this May, he said.

JIAFS has provided educational opportunities for more than 2,000 students and professional engineers, according to the program's office. In 1980, two degrees in Engineering Administration were granted for the first time — 19 were awarded last year.

The classes at Langley are taught by NASA scientists and engineers, faculty of SEAS and visiting members from other universities, as well as research and industry workers. Members of the program have access to the Langley Technical Library, extensive computational facilities and specialized NASA labs.

According to SEAS, "new arrangements" may be in the works for a third program with the David Taylor Research Center, a naval base which offers research opportunities in nautical engineering.

Honor code promoted

by Anastasia Benshoff

Hatchet Staff Writer

As part of an effort to control academic dishonesty, University blue books will be stamped with a statement affirming student's responsibilities, effective this semester's final exam period, according to Christian Downs, convener of the University Committee on the Honor Code.

The statement, which warns students of the consequences of violating the Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities, is one of three recommendations from the committee to GW's Joint Committee of Faculty and Staff. Other recommendations from the committee include sending a mailer to all students outlining the University Policy on Academic Dishonesty and having a section in the registration manual also outlining the policy.

"By involving students we will be taking the burden off of professors to completely control academic dishonesty," Downs said. "The committee is trying to compile a list of things to do to make students more aware. This is a policy of inclusion, not exclusion."

Last Friday, the committee created a tentative timeline for the implementation of a student honor code and began outlining an actual working code, Downs said.

"It is important to establish a tradition," said committee member and Student Association President-elect Frank Petramale. "The honor code is strong in schools where it has a long history. We don't have that history right now, but this is a starting process," he said.

According to the committee's timeline, the honor code should be in effect

by the beginning of the 1991-92 academic year. "We are trying to raise the level of consciousness of the problem of cheating," said JCFS Co-chair Philip Robbins, a journalism professor. "The code makes it more possible for faculty to do something. Right now the procedure is so burdensome and cumbersome. The reason many turn the other cheek is because they don't want to get involved," he said.

According to Downs, the committee hopes to form a student honor court with faculty representation in order to review charges of academic dishonesty. The committee will make recommendations on cases to Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick S. French. "The ultimate decision is left to the administration," Downs said.

"We have to find a middle ground between faculty and students," Petramale said. "We need to find the best way to handle it to get the best response . . . We need an honor code with substance behind it."

In the Nov. 30 issue of The GW Hatchet, committee member and SA Chief-of-Staff Joel von Ranson said the committee wants to send a summary of the University's policy on Academic Dishonesty to students because "no one bothers to tell students what their rights and responsibilities are."

"They are told to read the Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities, but no one does because it's long, legalistic and confusing," he said in the article.

Downs said the committee hopes to have the mailer ready for next fall, but noted that financial obligation may complicate the process.

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Editorials

Drug war hits home

The surprising thing about last week's drug bust is that it happened at all. Somebody involved in the drug business was actually caught and might even wind up being held accountable. What a delightful change of pace. Here at GW we've become too accustomed to leniency with regard to drug use in the dorms. The unsaid policy has been one of avoiding the problem and acting as if it doesn't exist.

That would work except for one thing: the problem does exist. The only way to combat the problem is by recognizing the crisis, developing strong, anti-drug policies for the residence halls and then enforcing those policies.

Also needed is individual involvement on every level. Last week's breakthrough arrest couldn't have happened if it hadn't been for someone who was brave enough — and, perhaps, exasperated enough — to inform authorities about just one piece in GW's drug trade puzzle.

The bust itself helps emphasize the extent to which drugs run rampant on this campus. Too many of us have been too complacent for too long. Students can help. We are not so weak that we can't speak out against those among us who buy and sell and use drugs. Speaking out is exactly what is needed, so long as the drug trade is destroying the city we live in and care about.

We will stop being victims as soon as we realize that all of the drug trade's players, from Manuel Noriega right down to the casual user in Thurston Hall, are engaged in a bloody business of destruction. If you are a casual user, you are keeping company with killers and thieves. You don't have to be a mayor to use drugs and help out the kingpins and drug pimps. You can be a GW student.

Not that GW has done much to crack down on drug use in the dorms. Far from it. Resident Assistants, as a group, have not set an example for their residents. Of course RAs are only as strong as their superiors. Sadly, no one in the housing office or university judicial system has taken on the much-needed task of establishing and enforcing harsh penalties for drug use in the residence halls. We need a tougher policy against drug sellers and users. Housing authorities must be gutsy enough to enforce such a policy.

The first steps have already been taken. Someone last week had the courage to unmask one player in the dangerous drug game. Now it's up to the rest of us, students and administrators, to get serious in our struggle with our drugs, our policies about drugs and, in truth, ourselves.

Breach of no contract

The Virginian was a good idea — we need more space for housing GW students. The idea of venturing into Rosslyn was a creative way to resist the ever-present housing crisis faced by housing officials. How refreshing to see University administrators coming up with a good idea and putting it into practice.

Too bad it's not going to happen.

Friday's announcement that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation had decided to exercise its option to keep control of its rooms in the Virginian came as an unwanted surprise to University officials. They say they didn't know there was any chance of FDIC reclaiming its space, so we didn't know this could happen.

But *shouldn't* we have known? It's hard not to think so. Shouldn't the University's legal representatives have had some clue that this might have happened? Anyone who's watched "L.A. Law" knows that you can't move into a new place until the old tenants have moved out. And it's not wise to publicize a housing coup until both sides have signed a contract.

Forty-six students had signed up to live in the Virginian in the buildings in-hall lottery. They've been inconvenienced, to say the least, but we should all be grateful the bad news came before the all-hall lottery. We could have had a full-scale housing disaster on our hands, something certainly not needed. Only lucky timing kept us from having an even bigger mess.

The Virginian was a good idea. Next time let's get it right, right down to the details.

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Letters to the editor

Not the 51st state

Contrary to popular opinion, Israel is not the 51st state. It is a sovereign nation with an independent government and a unique political agenda. Like the United Kingdom, with respect to South African policy; Canada, with respect to the acid rain issue; and Mexico, with respect to issues too numerous and divisive to mention, Israel's policies and actions sometimes diverge from United States' interests. In these instances, both nations are justified in pursuing a course which best promotes the will of its people and their welfare.

Despite the difference of interests between the United States and Israel, concerning the *intifada* and the occupied territories, Israel and the United States share a multitude of common objectives, including peace and stability in the Middle East, a common heritage and a moral obligation to one another as strong as any bond either country may have with any other nation.

The General Union of Palestine Students has yet to make an appeal in The GW Hatchet that does not attempt to degrade and destroy the warmth and meaning of the bond between America and Israel. I have yet to read any editorial or hear any argument that is bereft of invective, accusations and opinions that serve to polarize the Jewish and Palestinian communities at GW. Most often appear words meant to intensify animosity, striking a chord of fear

among those who support peace and those who support Israel.

Raed Hussein's appeal ("Israel's undemocratic actions," The GW Hatchet, March 22), like so many before it, makes no attempt at addressing the fears and concerns of American Jews, Israelis and the majority of Americans who support Israel. His appeal fails to redress so many past physical and verbal assaults Israel and its supporters have been forced to endure. I see in his words a design, an effort to strain and break the relationship that Americans and Israelis hold dear. His appeal hardly moves me to support an Israeli sacrifice in exchange for a dubious promise of peace.

Mr. Hussein's argument, calling for an end to the American-Israel relationship and based on numerous allegations of Israeli insensitivity, distorts and insults legitimate American concerns over relationships with nations that have consistently, repeatedly and unapologetically killed, tortured and repressed not hundreds, but tens of thousands, in some cases even millions, of people. Nations like China, Syria, Iraq, Cambodia (under the Khmer Rouge) and El Salvador have a great deal more to answer for than Israel ever will.

All these considerations and thoughts are lost to GUPS. All that remains is their symbolic broken record, singing a siren song of bitterness and enmity, laying ruin to the potential for reconciliation, feeding on anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish sentiment and luring

unsuspecting and unaware students into singing the same sour song.

-Rustin Ross

Thanks to Yags

We are writing to thank Bill Yaglou, Marriott's director at GW, for his cooperation and positive support in our student effort to deliver leftover food from the Marriott cafeterias to the homeless of Washington. In the past, to the dismay of many students and Yaglou, leftover Marriott food has been wastefully thrown away. But, with his cooperation, we can now provide some of the most needy people of our community with an additional food source.

Soon, instead of delivering the food to local homeless people ourselves, we will be working with one of the established organizations that delivers donated food to the homeless on a daily basis. With your continued cooperation, we will expand to save not only food from the Grand Marketplace, but also leftover food from the Marriott cafeterias.

Again, we thank you for leading the way to make Marriott a more positive force in the GW and Washington community.

Anyone interested in helping deliver food, please contact one of us.

-Beth Kanter
-Bill Wright

Opinion

Beyond the headlines, looking back at Israel's history

Israel's history goes way beyond today's Palestinian dilemma. When one focuses on Israel's crisis, it is easy to become shortsighted and forget the history of its struggle.

In November 1947, the United Nations created a plan which would have partitioned present-day Israel as both a Jewish and Arab state. The plan was to join the states economically and establish a union sharing joint currency, railroads and interstate highways. It was an attempt to create peace between the two peoples. The Jews accepted the plan. The Arabs rejected it. This consequently resulted in the first major Arab attack, a divided guerilla front, against the Jews.

Eight years after Israel's fight to achieve independence, in 1956, the atti-

tude of hatred and rejection by the Arab countries endured. For Gamal Abd al-Nasser, the president of Egypt at the time, Israel's existence was unacceptable to the Arab world. This view was echoed by the president of Syria Al Quwatly when he stated, "The present situation demands mobilization of all Arab strength to liquidate the state that has arisen in our region."

Nasser closed the Suez Canal to all Israeli ships. This, coupled with the infiltration of Egyptian *fedayeen* (suicide fighters), again forced Israel to defend itself.

In 1967, Egyptian and Syrian forces mobilized on Israel's borders. Cairo radio declared: "The existence of Israel has continued too long. We welcome the Israel aggression, welcome the battle

that we have long awaited. The great hour has come. The battle has come in which we shall destroy Israel."

Steven Brill

Mark Sokol

Like in past wars, Arab armies highly outnumbered Israel's defense forces. Threatened on all sides, Israel was left with no other choice but to attack first. For the Israelis, it was attack or be attacked.

In October of 1973, on Israel's holiest day, with most of its army either at synagogue or at home, Egypt together with

Syria again sought revenge and attempted to abolish the Jewish state. With 800,000 troops, three times the size of Israel's, the Arabs prepared for what they considered would be their final blow. But the experiences of previous wars with Arabs countries taught the Israelis that if knocked out, they would cease to exist. Thus, they fought back tenaciously, this being their only choice.

With the exception of Egypt, defeat in four wars has not swayed the Arabs to a more peaceful solution. From 1973 to present there has been a countless number of terrorist attacks on each border and within the state of Israel, proving that even during the absence of war, Israelis must live cautiously. The uncertainty of future Arab preemption

haunts Israel to this day. Israel's existence is still unacceptable to its Arab neighbors. But for those who feel Israel is an aggressor, hasn't history shown that the opposite holds true? Do the Israelis have any reason to believe that the Arabs accept them?

Memories of past wars has not changed the Arabs' sentiment towards Israel. Certainly one cannot rightly expect Israel to believe that she is an accepted state in the Middle East. How hard the Arabs have fought to destroy Israel has made it even harder for Israel to hold on to what little she has. Nowadays, the world seems to forget this. But Israel remembers.

Steven Brill and Mark Sokol are members of the Student Association for Israel.

Examining professors and the problems of academics

Marlo Brawer brought up an interesting point last month in the Feb. 15 edition of The GW Hatchet. But the topic she was addressing, the problem of poor quality professors, needs a more thorough and systematic evaluation. After all, if our main goal in attending this university is to learn, this issue surpasses all others in importance.

First of all, the problem needs to be properly defined. Brawer makes reference to several problems. It seems to her that many teachers are not doing their jobs properly. Also, students are not attending their classes, at least not as much as they could. And related to this, students are not paying full attention in their classes, as manifested by talking in class and other rude behavior. This is an important aspect of the problem, since this disruptive behavior interferes with the learning of others. All of this can be conveniently tied into a central problem: the goal of learning is not accomplished to its full extent. This should be our foremost goal. Let's pretend it is.

Brawer presents a simple explanation of this problem. There are several teachers who do not teach well, mostly because they don't care about what they are doing. Some are boring, confusing, unresponsive to students, not serious and even offensive. If these professors could just clean up their acts, we could get down to some serious learning.

This is not unfounded criticism, since there are indeed ineffective and uncaring professors. But it is much too easy to neatly place all the blame on the few who aren't us. She has found only one cause of a complex problem.

To understand the problem thoroughly, we need to examine every aspect of it. First we must define what the role of the professor should be. Brawer assumes that the professor is simply a teacher. This is fine for a high school, but that is not how the university system works. What college professors must teach requires a different approach. The professor therefore is most importantly a learned person; this is their main goal and qualification. The university system doesn't concentrate

on producing people who have teaching skill, but on producing scholars who know as much as possible on a given subject. The professor is a student above all else, for their mastery of a subject is never to become stagnate.

Next in importance, a professor is a teacher passing his or her knowledge on to students. But in a close third, he or she is a researcher. In this regard, they apply their knowledge to problems or seek to increase the wealth of society's knowledge. Either way, the goal is the improvement of society. There is no question, however, that the role of the professor as an entertainer comes in dead last. Whereas Brawer places great importance on the ability of professors to be interesting, this is not a criterion used by the university system. No one in the academic world demands that a prospective professor have a dynamic personality. While it tends to work in their favor, "being fun" is not a job qualification.

This brings us to the role of the student. Brawer seems to define the student as a passive attendant. That was not the original intent. The student is supposed to be one who has an exceptional desire to learn. To a great extent, it is the student's responsibility to be interested in what is being taught, and to tap into the resource of the professor, as one would use a library. The librarian is not supposed to lead you by the arm and spoon feed you interesting information. While this is an exaggerated analogy, the wide-spread attitude of expecting a professor to make you interested demonstrates the degree to which we take our education opportunity for granted.

Yet many claim that education is more than learning. While I recognize the economic function of higher education, the way in which universities play a vital role in our economy and the accompanying frenzy of career-seeking, I do not believe any university wants to make this an explicit goal. That sort of Marxist cynicism was supposed to have died in Eastern Europe, right?

If we define the roles this way, then

not all the responsibility for successful learning falls on the professors. Therefore, we can go on to identify other aspects of the problem. It is noteworthy that not every class has a problem with classroom behavior, as Brawer vaguely indicates. Compared to upper-level courses, generally, survey courses have less attentiveness and less seems to be successfully taught.

There could be a variety of explanations for the differences. Obviously, upper-level courses, since they are taught to a small group of students who are specifically interested in the subject,

Bill Wright

tend to teach more efficiently.

However, other factors determine whether or not a class will be successful. One is the subject itself. At GW, for instance, I would expect political science courses to appeal to students more than, say, physics. But at MIT, this would be different. Also, the existence of course requirements forces students to take courses they might not otherwise want to take. No one is more dismayed at this situation than the professors who must teach introductory classes to uninterested students.

Besides examining these incidental factors, we can achieve a broader perspective of the problem by looking at a historical and cultural comparison. For instance, it seems reasonable to suggest that there have always been a certain number of bad professors. Yet, the occurrence of rude classroom behavior, for which Brawer blames and even indicts the professors, was almost unheard of 40 years ago. This can not be explained by a worsening of the attitudes of professors. If anything, professors have become more sympathetic and caring since then. Looking at a typical classroom in a less wealthy country, we again would see much less disruptive

behavior and more attentive students.

We can generally assume that the quality and character of professors has remained the same during the last 40 years. In talking with my parents, however, it seems that a major change took place in professorial style: 30 years ago, the use of discipline by professors was such that they would seem like drill sergeants at a boot camp to the modern student. Perhaps the greater discipline permitted a more successful classroom experience in the long run. Perhaps today's professors are in a way too sympathetic and permissive, contrary to Brawer's opinion. While this possibility deserves a great deal of study, I suppose that most students simply abhor the idea of increased discipline, fearing it would "hem them in" or dam up their great reservoir of creativity.

While professors have changed little, the attitude of students has worsened considerably. One explanation is the comparative degree to which our society now spoils its children. And since the students are spoiled to begin with, they are not willing to work as hard and pay attention as much attention as they once did, but rather expect their work to be done for them. Our society's increasing affluence theoretically accounts for the softness of today's youth, but this cannot be validated scientifically. Perhaps related to this or to economic factors in general is the apparent loss of the academic atmosphere in our universities. In this explanation, students just are not as interested in learning as they used to be. Perhaps they are more interested in careers and success. Indubitably, they are more interested in having fun through base pleasures. These pursuits take away from the scholarly atmosphere of the universities of old.

A favorite theory of mine examines the effects of the counterculture movement in the late 60s. While not abandoning scholasticism, the counterculture movement tended to discredit established schools of thought in its mistrust of authority in general. This contributed to the loss of status of professors, meaning that they do not command the same

respect they used to. The fact that many of you think this argument is garbage may just prove my point. Whatever the reason, professors have lost status in society, whereas businessmen, for instance, have gained it.

And another argument is that more students can afford education, and therefore, universities are now admitting students with less motivation and ability. This especially hurts universities such as ours, which can't afford to be very selective. However, even the least endowed students paid attention and behaved in class 40 years ago, meaning this is not a complete explanation.

As I have explained, the problems of learning at our school are complex. Given the many reasons, I can think of a few more suggestions to improve the situation than cracking down on a few ineffective professors. For one, if you as a student are not going to pay attention, if you are going to talk in class, if you are going to come late consistently, just don't come.

But going deeper than this, much more could be done by the administration, student government and student organizations. The listing of Dean's List students in The GW Hatchet by the Student Association is a positive step. Surely, although I understand their sensitivity to criticism, Greek organizations could do more to foster academic spirit.

And we all must consciously want to improve academics. So much ink has been spilt and rhetoric been shoveled on school spirit, usually defined both as how much we are willing to cheer at athletic events and how little we are willing to criticize each other. Yet, isn't there something at least equally uplifting about the spirit of academia, the search for truth?

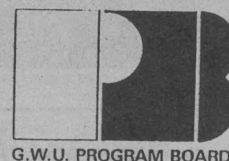
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Mar. 27 Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.)

Funger Hall, Room 108, 8:30 PM. Barney Frank, a controversial, openly gay Congressman from Massachusetts, will deliver the keynote address on the future of gay rights in America.

Mar. 28 Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Marvin Center, 800 21 St. NW, Room 403, 7-8:30 PM. Members Bob Bernstein, Laurie Coburn, and Shelly Schwab of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), will discuss experiences in their group, which spans the United States and several foreign countries.

Homosexuals and Religion

Marvin Center, Room 402, 8:45-10:30 PM. Interim Director of the GWU Board of Chaplains, Lindsay Biddle, will moderate an informal panel discussion on religion and sexual orientation, with representatives from Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic gay organizations.

Mar. 29 Lesbian and Gay Parenting

Marvin Center, Room 405, 7-8:30 PM. Jim Fagelson of the Gay and Lesbian Parents' Coalition of Metropolitan Washington will moderate an informal panel discussion on varying perspectives and experiences of gay and lesbian parenting.

Combating Homophobia and Sexism

Marvin Center, Room 405, 9-10:30 PM. Kevin Berrill, Director of Campus and Non-Violence Projects at NGLTF will present a workshop for all students eager to work together to combat homophobia and sexism in the university community.

Mar. 30 Film: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk

Funger Hall, Room 103, 7:00 PM. A portrait of the life of a charismatic, grassroots activist and one of the first avowed homosexuals to be elected to office, this film follows Milk's early days as a San Francisco businessman to his murder, along with that city's mayor George Moscone in 1978. It relates these events to the ongoing movement for gay rights in the United States.

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Report ranks NLC 23rd in U.S.

Law center dean not satisfied with magazine's listing, the highest yet

by Ted Gotsch
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW's National Law Center placed 23rd in the annual *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of the top law schools in the nation, the highest ever achieved by the NLC, according to GW law professor John Banzhaf.

The study, which appeared in the March 19 issue, used six categories in determining the rankings of the schools — academic reputation, lawyer/judge reputation, selectivity, placement success, graduation rate and instructional resources. U.S. News sent questionnaires to two top officials at every school and to a cross-section of leading professionals in order to determine reputation.

The NLC placed 23rd overall: 25th in academic reputation, 20th by lawyer/judge reputation, 28th in selectivity, 21st in placement, 41st in graduation rate and 57th in instructional resources.

Reactions to the NLC's placement were mixed.

"I'm pleased, but I'm not satisfied," NLC dean Jack H. Friedenthal said. "You have to understand about ratings that they are quite arbitrary. We stand weak (in the listing) in resources. They count how much you spend per student on the library.

"A library that has a copy (of a book) only needs one. You need certain things to complete your library, but you can't judge because per student expenditure will not be the same.

"Since we came in low (in that category), we would like to educate U.S. News and improve (the rating system)," he added.

"This is higher than (other) rankings (of the NLC) over the years," Banzhaf said. "Though (the different ratings) are not exactly comparable, to be 23 out of 175 is very good. It makes us the flagship of the University because no one else was ranked."

There has been controversy by educators whether there should be rankings of schools at all. According to U.S. News, the heads of four organizations representing the 175 accredited law schools distributed a statement saying the rankings by the magazine was done not to educate the public, but to sell magazines. In fact, the American Bar Association discouraged law schools from cooperating with U.S. News in its efforts to compile information, such as entrance-scores and student selectivity. Both Friedenthal and Banzhaf agreed there are flaws in the system.

"There is a real argument that there shouldn't be any rating," Friedenthal said. "They are misunderstood and misused. I don't blame the ratings, but you just can't use it to say these are the best schools.

"Some schools are better for some students. But it is a great thing to make the list, as long as there just one. We belong there and we can pass some ahead of us. There are some there that don't belong and there are some not

there that do," he added.

"It has been criticized by law school deans, but even with the inaccuracies, it is good that they are ranking," Banzhaf said. "If you spend the money, you should get the best.

"Two things in the survey are interesting. The school ranked 23rd, though we had resources of 57. That means we are doing well with limited resources. The graduation rate was unfair for us because it might be a little misleading.

"Because we are in Washington, people go from day school to night school, which takes longer, and some take time off to work on campaigns," Banzhaf added. "As compared to those at New Haven or Cambridge, our rate is not a weakness, as it may be at other schools."

To bolster the NLC's instructional resources, Friedenthal proposed a three percent tuition hike on top of the 10 recommended by the University, which has been met with resistance by law students.

"We're having a little flap over raised tuition," he said. "That would do it. I decided to do that before the rankings came out."

Banzhaf said bringing GW into the public eye is key. "We are realizing that it is not enough to write scholarly articles. You have to get the message to the public. You have to be available for radio/TV and articles that show GW's name. People will be less likely to think we are Georgetown," he said.

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Director for Housing Services Paul Barkett, the resident assistants from the Virginian will be reassigned to other residence halls, as some RAs are unable to accept the position.

"The way we resolved this, it's better for freshmen who wouldn't have had the option" to live in a residence hall apartment, Chernak said, noting some of the seniors may move off campus because

they would have had a better choice of rooms if they had not taken the Virginian.

"The situation is controllable," he said. "It's one of those situations where we can try to come up with the best possible solution for all people."

"Certainly, as far as returning students, there will probably be no impact. (This) may affect transfer students . . . (because) they apply late," he added.

According to Chernak, the only expense the University spent towards the Virginian was the cost of brochure, which was "probably a few hundred dollars."

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Degenholtz is expected to be simultaneously tried and charged by the district and University officials, Hanson said.

Because the use of cocaine on campus is clandestine, Hanson said it is difficult

to measure the extent of the problem. But, she added, the GW Counseling Center is currently receiving student responses from a survey it is conducting on drug use on campus.

"We hope to establish some baselines of use habits on campus," she said, "and then plan intervention to make a difference."

Hanson said she anticipates the University will soon form a drug task force to combat the problem on campus.

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New SBA prez named

Wilson promises funding reorganization

by Rachel H. Pollack
Asst. News Editor

Pledging to continue the improvements in Student Bar Association activities begun by his predecessor, second-year law student and Student Bar Association representative Jon Wilson was elected to replace Todd Baldwin as SBA president.

The SBA is the law school's equivalent to the Student Association executive and legislative branches.

Wilson said a problem with the current SBA is a lack of an "institutional memory" of the procedures governing the board, which has resulted in some confusion among board members.

"I'm a bit compulsive about organizing things," he explained when describing how SBA and other school group accounts have recently been computerized. Wilson plans to create a yearlong budget in July, instead of keeping the current funding process he considers slightly haphazard.

"When we don't pay our coffee supplier for a year, that's pretty bad," Wilson said. The coffee and doughnut service, which "ran out of money in November," will be reinstated soon since the \$1,200 the SBA owed their supplier has been paid.

Of the approximately \$31,700 budget the SBA receives from National Law Center Dean Jack Friedenthal and the SA, Wilson said \$21,000 is allocated to the various law school groups. The remainder, in addition to funds from an annual sale of locker space, is used for law school homecoming, end-of-the-year parties and other events and items.

"We actually do a lot of things the

school might be expected to do," Wilson said, citing the new student pre-orientation program as an example.

Wilson said he is "trying to be more active politically on and off campus." While he was not instrumental in recruiting newly-elected Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder to speak at the law school commencement — which Wilson called "quite a coup, especially since he's not even an (alum)" — he is working on creating an endowed speaking chair named for Wilder.

Wilson explained an endowed chair costs \$1.5 million dollars, but he is trying to get half the money from Wilder's political supporters.

Wilson's activities since taking office Feb. 23 include sending a letter to each Board of Trustees member protesting the 13 percent rise in tuition for law students — the largest of this year's increases. He has yet to receive a response from the trustees, but Wilson said he was told "(the trustees) spent 15 minutes arguing over (his) letter" at their March meeting.

Wilson said he wants to create a law school student position on the Budget Advisory Team and put a student on the Board of Trustees.

Wilson's other duties include finding people to run annual law school programs and meeting regularly with the faculty committee and the alumni association. He noted he also plans on increasing personal contacts between alumni and students, and "fostering better law school and (undergraduate) University relations."

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Effective Interviewing 12:30-2pm, Academic Center T509 Sponsored by Career & Cooperative Education Center. Info: 994-6495

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Gay Awareness Week Kick-Off* 7:30pm, Fungler 108 Speaker-Peri Jude, Legislative director, National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. Reception. All welcome. Info: 994-7590

* Tuesday, March 27 *

Lesbian & Gay Peoples Alliance Weekly Discussion Group 7:30-9:30pm Info: 994-7590

Heartstrings National Tour "Evening of Hope for The Healing of AIDS" 8pm, Lisner Auditorium By invitation only. Info: 828-7042

U.S. Aid to Israel Slide Show of West Bank & Gaza Strip 8pm, Continental Ballroom, Marvin Center third floor Speaker - Katherine Hughes. Sponsored by General Union of Palestine Students. Info: 337-1262

Keynote Address - Congressman Barney Frank (D-MASS)* 8:30pm, Fungler 108 Sponsored by LGPA, GW College Democrats & Program Board. Reception. All welcome. Info: 994-7590

* Wednesday, March 28 *

Miller Analogies Test (MAT) 12:30pm, 718 21st St. (Bldg N) \$35. Registration & pre-payment should be made two weeks in advance. Info: 994-6550

Baseball vs Navy 2:30pm, 21st & C Sts., NE Info: 994-8584

Women's Tennis vs American U 3pm, Smith Center Info: 994-8584

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Program Board Weekly Meeting 8:30pm, Marvin Center 429 Info: 994-7313

Fellowship & Reflection Group 9-10pm, 609 21st St., NW Sponsored by Ecumenical Christian Ministry. Info: 676-6434

* Thursday, March 29 *

Baseball vs Delaware 2:30pm, 21st & C Sts., NW Info: 994-8584

Men's Tennis vs U of Maryland Baltimore Campus 3pm, Smith Center Info: 994-8584

Study Abroad at University of London - Queen Mary & Westfield Colleges 3:30pm, Stuart Hall 108. Informational meeting for students interested in study in England. Info: 994-6242

Job Search Strategy 4:30-6pm, Academic Center T509 Sponsored by Career & Cooperative Education Center. Info: 994-6495

Workshop - Gays & Lesbians as Parents* 7-8:30pm, Marvin Center 405 Sponsored by Lesbian & Gay Peoples' Alliance. Info: 994-7590

"Personal Godliness" 7:30pm, Marvin Center 403 Speaker - J. M. Boice, pastor of Tenth Presbyterian, Philadelphia. Info: 994-9601

Delta Tau Delta's Weekly Pub Nite 9:04pm, 2020 G St., NW Info: 628-4276

Workshop - Homophobia & Harassment* 9-10:30pm, Marvin Center 405 Speaker - Kevin Berrill of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. Co-sponsored by LGPA & Program Board. Info: 994-7590

* Friday, March 30 *

Gymnastics vs North Carolina State, University of N Carolina, & William & Mary 7pm, Smith Center Info: 994-8584

Film - "Times of Harvey Milk" 7-8:30pm, Fungler 103 Co-sponsored by LGPA & Program Board. Info: 994-7590

"Homecoming Hop" Featuring Gay Men's Chorus of Washington 8pm, Lisner Auditorium \$8-18 @ Lambda Rising. Info: 338-SING

DANCE PARTY 9pm-1am, The Verandah at TRACKS, 1111 1st St., SE \$5 to benefit LGPA. Must be 18 or older - age ID required. Info: 994-7590

* Saturday, March 31 *

Weekly Mass 4:15pm, Newman Catholic Center Info: 676-6855

"Homecoming Hop" Featuring Gay Men's Chorus of Washington See listing for Friday, March 30

* Sunday, April 1 *

Weekly Mass 11am, 6pm, & 7:30pm, Newman Catholic Center Info: 676-6855

WETA Lecture - BBC's Frank Muir 1:30pm, Lisner Auditorium Info: 998-2618

* ANNOUNCEMENTS *

Play - "On the Verge, or The Geography of Yearning," by Eric Overmyer. March 29-31, 8pm & April 1, 2pm, Marvin Center Theatre. \$4 GW students & senior citizens; \$7 all others. Info: 994-8072.

Shotokan Karate Class Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7-8pm & Saturdays, 10:30am-noon, Marvin Center 501. Classes free & open to all. Info: 785-0521.

Traditional Japanese Karate, SKA, & DC Club meet Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-8pm, Smith Center. Info: 547-4784.

Peer Tutoring Service is recruiting tutors, re-activating tutors, & accepting tutees in Dean of Students Office, Rice Hall 401. Info: 994-1478.

Women's Self Defense Class on Saturdays, noon-1pm, Marvin Center 410-415. Info: 785-0521.

Aikido Club offers beginner classes in self-defense Monday & Wednesday, 7-8:30pm, Marvin Center 501. No cost. Info: Todd Katz 676-2382.

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Exhibit "GW Fine Arts Faculty Exhibition," through March 27, Dimock Gallery, Lower Lisner Auditorium. Info: 994-1525.

"Concerned About Your Drug or Alcohol Use?" a workshop sponsored by University Counseling Center. Time decided by members. Call group leader, Debbie Wilson, for pre-group interview. Info: 994-6550.

GW Rugby Team is practicing for spring season. Practice three X a week. Games on weekends, 605 21st St., NW (across street from Strong Hall). Info: 676-2518 or 676-7749.

"Adult Children of Parents Who Drink," two ongoing groups now in progress, sponsored by University Counseling Center, Thursday, 3:45-5:15pm, Marvin Center 411. Call group leader, Kaysie McCann or Cherian Verghese for pre-group interview. Info: 994-6550.

Peer Tutoring Service has tutors available in all subject areas. Rice Hall 401. Info 994-1478.

For community projects & information about summer internships - national & international, religious & secular, paid & volunteer programs, drop by Ecumenical Christian Ministry Office. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-5pm, 2131 G St., NW. Info: 676-6434.

Exhibit "The Artistic University Family Exhibit" from April 9-May 18, Colonnade Gallery, Marvin Center, third floor. All GW students, faculty, & staff are invited to submit artworks of their own creation. Entry forms available in Marvin Center 427. Deadline for submissions is April 3. Info: 994-6555.

The Colonnade Gallery is soliciting proposals of exhibits for '90-91 exhibit schedule. Proposal forms available in Marvin Center 427. Deadline for submissions is March 30. Info: 994-6555.

George Washington University Volleyball Club practices are held at Smith Center on Saturdays, 11am-2pm & Sundays, 1-4pm. Info: 342-9430.

Exhibit "The Look" through April 6, Colonnade Gallery, Marvin Center, third floor. Sponsored by newly formed Blue Ryder Arts Society, consists of exhibit & auction of student art works. Info: 994-6555.

* Events for Gay Awareness Week

Campus Highlights is produced by the Office of Campus Life. Submission forms are available at the GW Information Center.

Co-Chairs for the evening, Alice Sydney Minkoff and Dana Smith are pleased at the community spirit of the Corcoran and the local business community who are helping to make this an evening to remember.

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Greeks sponsor 'dry' events

Alcohol awareness parties to promote alcohol-free rushing next year

by Debbie Hengesh
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW fraternities and sororities' Greek Alcohol Awareness Week, which concluded Saturday, is the first step towards an alcohol-free rush for the 1990-1991 academic year, according to Interfraternity Council President Herbie Mendelson.

Next year will be the first time most GW undergraduates will not be of the legal drinking age, prompting the Greeks to make rush alcohol-free. Mendelson said the week was a "test run" for next year.

"It gives people a chance to get used to dry events," he said. "We're trying to make the transition as smooth as possible, and we really appreciate the campus showing up at our events."

The alcohol awareness week began Wednesday with "Casino Night," sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Delta Gamma. Participants played blackjack, poker and other games, and all played for poker chips, with the three

highest winners receiving gift certificates for Tower Records. Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Kappa Gamma sponsored a beach party, which Christian McChehern of Sigma Phi Epsilon called a great success. About 150 people sampling barbecued shrimp and alcohol-free pina coladas and daiquiris, he said.

The Sigma Chi house transformed into "Gilligan's Island" Thursday night for a party sponsored by Sigma Chi, Phi Sigma Sigma and Alpha Epsilon Phi.

"We Can Cruise Without Booze" was the theme of Sigma Alpha Mu and Sigma Delta Tau's party Thursday night, with the Sigma Delta Tau house decorated as the Love Boat, complete with a casino table for blackjack, a disco and tropical "mocktails," according to Sarane Almansi of Sigma Delta Tau.

Friday's good weather brought Sigma Gamma Phi and Phi Kappa Psi out to the quad for children's games, including a leapfrog race and water balloon toss.

"We're just out here to have fun," Phi Kappa Psi brother David Cohen said. "The best way to have fun without alcohol is to revert to childhood."

The week was topped off with a Sigma "Nude" party at the Sigma Nu house. Those attending the party had to give up a piece of clothing to enter, and the clothing collected will be donated to Miriam's Kitchen, a local homeless shelter.

Kappa Sigma also sponsored a live jazz concert Friday night.

Other fraternities and sororities held events throughout the week, keeping the alcohol-free theme. All Greek Week activities will be dry, with the exception of senior night.



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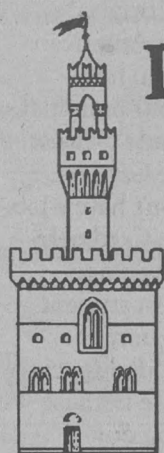
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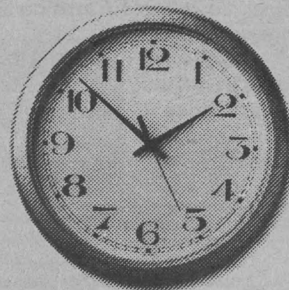
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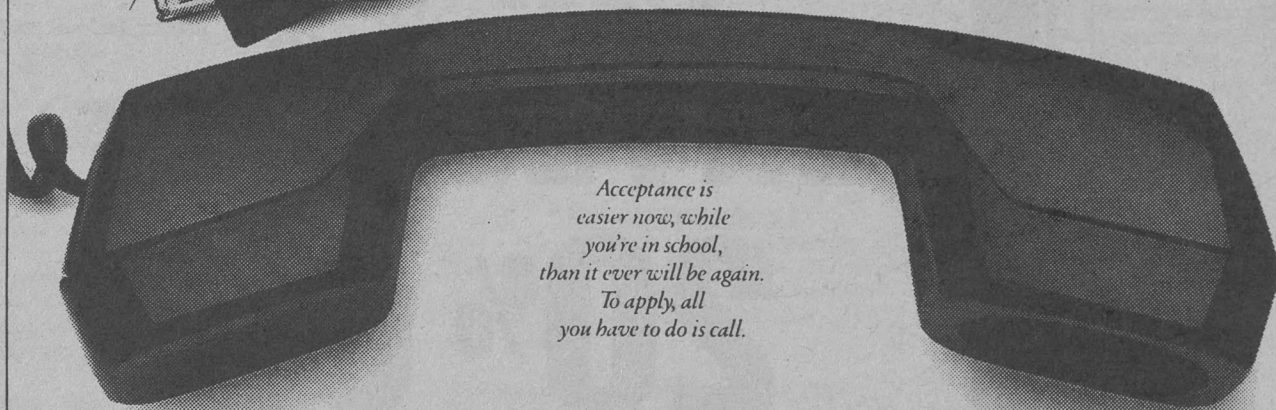
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Housing lottery leaves 107 available spaces

GW students seeking on-campus housing participated in the annual in-hall lottery Wednesday and the all-hall lottery Saturday, leaving 107 open spaces, according to Paul Barkett, assistant director for Housing Services in The Office of Housing and Residence Life.

Each eligible student's ranking in the lottery was determined by a number randomly generated by computer, taking into account their class standing.

OHRL planned to set aside 16 rooms in Strong Hall and 44 rooms in Adams Hall for freshmen and transfer students. However, Barkett said, because of the loss of the Virginian, OHRL put these rooms back into the all-hall lottery.

"We wanted students to have as much possible space to choose from," Barkett said.

The lottery left 2 female spaces in Adams, 34 female in Strong Hall and 71 openings in Mitchell Hall.

"We ended up with the same amount of spaces (if we had not put the rooms back), just in different places," Barkett said.

According to Residence Hall Association President Andy Flagel, fewer students participated in the lottery this year because of the difficulty in getting a rooms for 1989-90.

He added that the lottery went "a little bit slower than last year" because there were more open spaces and students had more of a choice.

This year's lottery "went much smoother" than last year's, Barkett noted. "There were much less upset people. . . . I'm glad people were as happy as they were."

Exact figures as to how many students participated in the lottery will not be available until tomorrow, Barkett said.

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Learning not to fear — at GW's first Gay

LGPA plans week of events, workshops

by John Spezzano

Gay Awareness Week, presented by The Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance and the GW Program Board, kicks off a week filled with events, highlighted by a speech from U.S. Representative Barney Frank (D-Mass).

The activities start tonight in Funger Hall, room 108, at 7:30 p.m. with a speech by Peri Jude Radevic, legislative director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Radevic will speak on her work and experiences at the Task Force, as well as the present state of gay rights in America.

Tomorrow night Frank will deliver the keynote address on the future of gay rights in America. Frank's speech is co-sponsored by GW's College Democrats, and is at 8:30 p.m. in Funger Hall 108.

The events for the rest of the week consist of workshops concerned with problems facing the gay community and possible means of overcoming them.

When GW's homosexual community has events, it is not uncommon to find campus animosity aimed at them, and LGPA member's are aware of the probability that problems may arise.

"We have conceived of the possibility (of possible protests), but are not really expecting it," says Steve Rucker, an LGPA organizer of Gay Awareness Week. "We wouldn't be surprised by a certain amount of vandalism, like posters being ripped down, etc. But there will be campus security for Congressman Frank."

Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in room 403 of the Marvin Center, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), an international, nonpartisan, nonreligious, nonprofit volunteer organization will have some of its members discuss their experiences and their group. Later that night from 8:45 to 10:30 p.m. there will be a presentation on Homosexuals and Religion next door in room 402. Lindsay Biddle, interim director of the GW Board of Chaplains, will

moderate the panel discussing religion and sexual orientation. Panel members include: ☆ Barret Brick from Bet Mishpachah, a gay Jewish congregation, who is executive director of the World Congress of Lesbian and Gay Jewish Organizations.

☆ Jeff Kelley, head of Programming and Education in Washington, representing the Catholic gay group Dignity.

☆ Larry Uhrig, pastor of an international lesbian and gay Protestant church, The Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, D.C.

Thursday evening starts with a panel discussion from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in MC405 on homosexual parenting which will be moderated by Jim Fagelson of the Gay and Lesbian Parents' Coalition. The panel will include homosexual couples with adopted children, lesbian couples with children from artificial insemination and homosexual couples with children from previous heterosexual marriages.

From 8:45 to 10:30 p.m. Kevin Berrill, director of Campus and Non-Violence Projects at the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force, will lead a workshop on combating homophobia and sexism on college campuses. Berrill coordinated and coauthored the first national study of anti-gay violence in 1984, and has lectured nationwide on the topic.

The week of events will end with a showing of *The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*, Friday night in Funger 103 at 7 p.m. The film details Milk's actions as an activist and one of the first open homosexuals elected to public office. The documentary follows him from life as a businessman until the time when he and San Francisco mayor George Moscone were murdered in 1978, and relates these events to today's gay rights movement in America.

After the movie everyone is invited to party at the club *Tracks*, 1111 First St., S.E. Only those 18 and older will be admitted, at a cost of \$5, which includes food.

Week targets ignorance, promotes tolerance

Although many GW students may not know any gay people — or at least think they don't — the truth of the matter is that in one setting or another, all of us will eventually encounter gay and lesbian students, faculty, employers and peers. Our first Gay Awareness Week was conceived out of a desire for members of the GW gay community to formally address some of the bigotry and hostility that has been aimed at them and other gay communities during the past year.

Having acknowledged my identity as a gay man publicly last fall, I continue to confront my own fears and concerns about building a future for myself in a

culture where homosexuality continues to be viewed as a mortal sin. Sadly, the process of coming out remains nothing short of traumatic for the vast majority of lesbians and gays. Let's face it, we live in a society that has grown extremely intolerant of gay people since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic 10 years ago. Indubitably, the public's attitudes about homosexuality continue to negatively influence the way some of us choose to live our lives.

While the concern of gay people are not markedly different from those of heterosexuals, our concerns are considerably more complex. As an institution of higher learning, GW has an obligation to respond to the needs of

all its students. If this University is to become truly committed to addressing these issues, we must all cooperate and explore ways to make it easier for members of the gay community to come out.

It is my sincere hope that the program of events for this week will promote a greater tolerance and acceptance of lesbians and gays by helping people examine some of the myths and stereotypes they may have about homosexuality.

—Marcel Prather
President, Lesbian and Gay Peoples' Alliance

Tough decisions: gays talk op

by Brian Reilly

Everyone must face some tough decisions in life. Being gay is not one of them. As most homosexuals will explain, homosexuality is no more of a decision than heterosexuality; it is a physical and psychological orientation one is born with. However, choosing to "come out" and be open about one's homosexuality is a tough decision.

Some gay GW students made that tough decision and chose to openly discuss their sexuality. They chose to accept themselves for who they are and move on. Three of these students discussed their challenges and hopes as acknowledged homosexuals.

Homophobia, the fear of homosexuals or homosexuality, is a problem at The George Washington University. As a sad aspect of society, all homosexuals must deal with the constant fear of discrimination, whether it be job-oriented or physical violence.

None other than comedian Jackie Mason expressed his concern with this problem, an American problem, in Friday's New York Times:

"Think of the problems of homosexuals," he wrote. "Would a free country have discriminated against homosexuals for so many years that only lately they have achieved enough acceptance to begin to 'come out of the closet'?"

"And how much difference is there between a prison and a closet? Would a free country tolerate continued harassment, assaults and beatings, sometimes to death, of homosexuals?"

Marcel Prather, president of GW's Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance, does not tolerate the harassment nor the misinformation, and through this week's programming and various "rap sessions" with fellow LGPA members, he is willing take on the challenge.

Prather considers his homosexuality a natural orientation, "a viable, legitimate alternative expression of sexuality." He acknowledges harassment against homosexuals on campus, but said the discrimination is covert.

"People have a problem getting over the issue of intimate relationships

between men and women," he suggests, saying people just don't understand the homosexual orientation.

Even sympathetic people who want to accept it sometimes react awkwardly. "I don't mean they're insensitive, they're just not empathetic," he surmises.

Prather believes men have more of a problem with homosexuality than women, and men have a difficult time relating to gay friends, an effect of a male-oriented, "macho" society.

"It's a problem with the values people have been inculcated with since they were young," he says, adding there is a lot of progress that needs to be made in order to create a better environment for homosexuals. "People need to know that homosexuality is a valid way of life."

"Homosexuals will grow up more psychologically healthy if people don't tell them they are bad or wrong," he says.

Prather, a GW junior who grew up in the District of Columbia, publicly expressed his homosexuality in The GW Hatchet last semester. Now, he has the

support of LGPA members and others. But growing up wasn't easy.

"High school was really hard for me," he recalls. "I kept things under wraps."

Prather, who says he knew he was gay since he was three or four, grew up in the projects of Anacostia and remembers he had to be very careful in his own neighborhood. He said he had the privilege of attending good private schools where he felt more comfortable with himself than he did at home, but he still did not "come out" until after he graduated from high school. While in school, he coped by concentrating on his friendships and sports, including track and cross country.

Although he thinks his family may have suspected his homosexuality, he did not tell his brothers and sisters about his sexual orientation until last month. The discussion broke out into an argument and at present his relations with them are strained.

"I hope it will improve in the future," he says, pointing out that he doesn't blame the whole problem on being gay.



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Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) speaking to GW crowd last year.



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Michael Kerns is a freshman from Philadelphia who considers this interview the most open expression of his homosexuality to date. He did not come out earlier because of fear.

"I was fearing nonacceptance, hatred and homophobia," he said, adding that once he moved into Mitchell Hall from Thurston Hall he felt more comfortable.

"I felt I needed to come out on campus and say, 'Hey, this isn't fair,'" he says. "I have the right to be myself."

His fear derived from vague signals concerning the attitude on campus toward homosexuality, and this was compounded by sophomore R. Allyn Matlack's article and the uproar that followed.

Matlack wrote an opinion piece on the ethics of Democratic politicians in the October issue of the GW College Republican Observer. While expostulating on the ethics probe of admitted homosexual Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Matlack wrote that homosexuals are "idiots" and "unfit to live."

"Matlack's article must have put fear in a lot of homosexuals," Kerns noted. "It made me want to come out even more. . . I was tired of hiding it."

The commotion didn't change his feelings about his sexuality — it only solidified his determination.

"I've always accepted and felt comfortable that I was gay, it's that I didn't feel comfortable that people knew," he affirms.

When he openly expressed his orientation to his peers, he knew it would be difficult. He figured he would find out who his true friends really were. "Most of my friends that I've come out with are more comfortable," he said. "Nothing has changed."

Kerns now considers the climate at GW "pretty accepting" towards homosexuality.

"The people who are homophobic, especially last semester, have been loud on campus," he said, "and it gives a false impression of homophobia on campus."

However, senior Steve Rucker, a transfer student, is disappointed with GW's efforts to cope with student ignorance about homosexuality. He said students at his former school, Connecticut's Wesleyan University, were more understanding towards homosexuals.

"It was a very progressive school," he said, "with a lot more support of gay rights."

He says GW students are only "fairly enlightened" about his sexual orientation, and problems still remain.

"A minority, some of them vocal, are quite intolerant," he says, adding, however, "I have not been overcome by homophobia."

Rucker, an honor student from Vermont, is hesitant to openly express to everyone his orientation.

"I'm a little uncomfortable about my professors knowing," he confesses, saying an anti-gay professor might penalize him academically because of his homosexuality.

Yet, Rucker is strong-willed and sure of himself. "I'm not worried about any negative action or violence. I'm ready to deal with it."



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JAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Mayoral candidate Clarke 'serious' about campaign

Hopeful says he's got the experience D.C. needs

by Christopher Moore

The security guards at the District Building are skeptical on this February morning. They aren't sure they believe it when they're told a reporter has an appointment with D.C. Council Chairman Dave Clarke before the office is officially open.

But sure enough, Clarke is at work early this morning. He has to be. His schedulers are trying to fit his mayoral campaign activities in around his full-time duties as chairman of the district's council.

The first noticeable thing about Clarke is how awake he is at 8:30 in the morning. The second is how serious he is, especially about the job he has and the job he wants.

His experience, first as a council member and now as council chairman, is an advantage he claims over his opponents in the race for the Democratic nomination for mayor. Other announced contenders include lawyer Sharon Pratt Dixon, Rep. Walter Fauntroy and two of Clarke's fellow council members: Charlene Drew Jarvis and John Ray.

"The problems here (in D.C.) are really not policy," says Clarke. The council can only do so much. "We can write a budget but we can't write a check," the chairman says.

Clarke says he wants to help make policy work, which ideally for him would mean moving into the mayor's office to take over the task of enforcing the policies the council votes to enact. "There's both policy and execution and I think experience on the city council brings both," Clarke maintains. With regard to municipal issues, Clarke said debate should center on the content of issues rather than the people who espouse a certain philosophy. He says we need to emphasize common goals, bring people together.

In fact, when asked how the district will be better off at the end of a possible Clarke Administration, he says, "I think I will have gotten people to work together better than they do now." One area where the common effort needs to be made, he explained, is in the war on drugs. "I'd hope to be through the drug and crime crisis and reasonably quickly," Clarke predicts, adding that much progress could be made in the first two years of his administration.

But before Clarke or anyone else gets a crack at the mayor's office, he must endure a hard-fought campaign. "It's tough," Clarke admits. "It's tough, but that's democracy. I chose it."

What he doesn't choose to do is commend The Washington Post for its coverage of the campaign thus far. Asked about a Post editorial that commented on the slow start of the mayor's race, Clarke is quick to point to the Post's lack of coverage. "The Post looks at what it wants to look at,"

he says. "I think that editorial was based on that newspaper's coverage."

A vigorous campaign is underway, Clarke says, and there are differences between the candidates. "I certainly run a much more grassroots campaign," he contends. He says he has more experience than any other candidate running, with the exception of Mayor Marion Barry, and Clarke says his experience is "better" than Barry's. The incumbent has yet to disclose his political intentions. But

would be even worse today.

A GW graduate, Clarke has roots in the city he works for. His first job was as a soda jerk at the Glen Echo amusement park.

Clarke's support of D.C. statehood seems bound to his own personal history. In fact, the council chairman sounds almost wistful when he talks about this. It's as personal — and as personable — as he gets.

"I wanted to be a senate page boy and I couldn't because I didn't have a



Clarke says Barry is obviously not getting the job done these days.

"I was willing to wait for 16 years," Clarke emphasizes. He says he's always been willing to work his way up through the ranks, and mentions that many of his opponents have sought the mayoralty before. For Clarke, running for mayor is "a natural progression. I've always been willing to serve in the lower steps first."

Then there's the thing Clarke keeps coming back to. "Frankly, I think I'm different in the experience I've had in having — in having — to bring different people together." A history of involvement in the home rule movement and the civil rights campaign are two places he believes he got that kind of experience.

In terms of council efforts, Clarke says his greatest achievement is probably a gun control bill he sponsored in 1987. Without that bill, Clarke says he thinks the district's crime situation

senator," he said. He also couldn't get a permit to visit the Congress in session because he didn't have a representative.

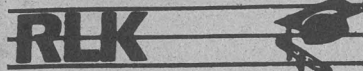
In his free time, which he says is particularly sparse these days, Clarke likes to ride his bicycle long distances, visit art galleries and occasionally read a novel. "I like to go places with my son," he says.

"Jesse will not run," Clarke said, just days before Jesse Jackson announced just that. Clarke spoke of the need for a homegrown mayor, a need that would have worked to Jackson's disadvantage.

"The people's dignity has been assaulted too much already in terms of what has happened, and they want to prove they can produce their own leader from within the city," Clarke explains.

Dave Clarke is hoping to be that leader, a mayor chosen from within this city. He's hoping — and running — to win.

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GW to honor MSSC director

by **Zuraidah Hashim**
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW students and administrators will hold a celebration Thursday in the honor of Valerie L. Epps, director of GW's Multicultural Student Services Center.

Last year D.C. Mayor Marion Barry officially proclaimed March 29, Valerie L. Epps Day, prompting a celebration and reception. This year, however, MSSC Associate Director Janet Moore said the center decided to do something different.

"To duplicate last year's celebration would only be anticlimactic," Moore said.

This year, in conjunction with Valerie L. Epps Day, there will be an "Action For Education" program where students and faculty members will have the opportunity to pledge their services to the community.

"It gives students a chance to give

something back to the community," Epps said.

Moore, who devised the program, said, "It shows that the students are willing to do their share for the community."

Pledge cards will be distributed on campus this week, allowing members of the GW community to donate any kind of educational service to an institution of their choice.

Epps' honor last year was in recognition of her outstanding service to GW's multicultural students and her dedication and commitment to education.

"She has truly built a rapport with the students who come to the center," Moore said, "and they consider her their mother."

Black People's Union President Mark Chichester said, "Ms. Epps is the key motivating force for my participation (at) GW."

Narda Newby, vice-president of the

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, said Epps took her "under her wings."

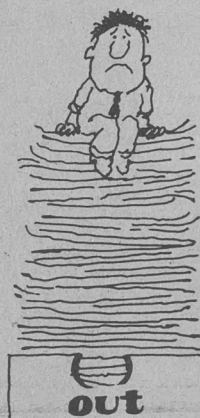
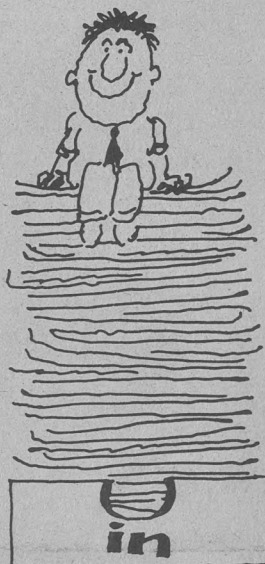
"She always offered moral support," she added.

"(Students) need to be exposed to all the resources so they can make an informed decision," Epps said. "Career awareness is important."

The MSSC is an expansion of the Educational Opportunity Program, accommodating students outside the Washington Metropolitan Area.

"Our purpose is to get students out of GW once they get in. We are here to prevent them from falling into any cracks," Moore said.

Epps said the MSSC serves a professional purpose, stressing the value of cultural diversity and emphasizing the notion that all the students can succeed at GW. She said education plays a dual role, noting, "Students from different cultures need to be exposed to each other."



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The event, sponsored by the GW Community Action Network, Board of Chaplains, GW Program Board, Joint Food Service Board and GW Athletic Department, allowed participants to compete in activities ranging from Twister to volleyball.

Dean Lubnick, co-coordinator of CAN, said this year's all-nighter was "continuing in the history of darn good times for a darn good cause."

"It went great," said PiKA and KKG team captain Ivan Blas. "It felt good and was for a good cause."

"I thought it was a lot of fun," said PiKA President Howard Opinsky. "It

was the first year PiKA was represented and it was really great to come out the winner."

Some, though, disagreed.

"The atmosphere was a lot different from past years," said senior Amy Ryan. "Teams were not as competitive or spirited as in previous years."

"There were not as many spectators as in the past," Ryan added, attributing the problem to the fee required for entry — \$7 for those who wanted a t-shirt and \$4 for others — and minimal advertisement for fans.

The event was postponed from the earlier date of March 10 because of what CAN co-coordinator Jill Pincus called "organizational problems."

"It went really well," said Sonja Arbeter, member of the Hillel Untouchables, adding though, she was disappointed because the food was not as good as in previous years.

"I've done (the All-Nighter) for three years and (the food) really made a difference," she said, saying the only drinks served were coffee and water and they eventually ran out of water.

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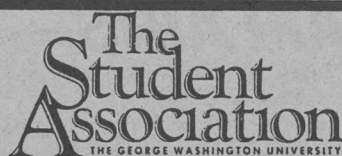
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Church president calls for new sexual revolution

by David Weber
Hatchet Staff Writer

The president of the Unification Church of America spoke to about 60 people in Fungler Hall Thursday on the "New Sexual Revolution," suggesting that love and sex, which came to mean the same thing in the sexual revolution of the 1960s, have to be redefined.

The event was sponsored by GW CARP (Collegiate Association for the Research of the Principles) — a Unification Church sponsored group — and Unification Campus Ministries, the campus branch of the church, which does not have a chapter at GW.

The church's president, Dr. James Baughman, summarized the first sexual revolution in the 1960s with an excerpt from the first issue of *Playboy* magazine, published in 1955: "Sex should be enjoyed as early in life as possible, more frequently with a greater variety of partners, of the same or opposite gender and without the guilt of Judeo-Christian cultural restraints."

Baughman charged that remnants of this 60s attitude remain in society today, saying this is evident by the increase in premarital sex, unwanted pregnancy, abortion, adultery, child abuse, venereal disease, suicide, rape, prostitution, pornography, divorce, homosexuality, crime and drug use.

Human sexuality involves the passing on of lineage, and therefore, homosexuality, adultery and premarital sex are not concerned with human sexuality, Baughman said, adding that combining true love with an understanding of human sexuality will lead to a new sexual revolution.

After the speech, Baughman discussed the cult label of the Unification Church and its leader, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

"When the Church is dragged down to the level of a cult . . . then religious liberty is no longer an issue," Baughman said. "Fasting becomes food depravation. Praying and meditation — which I did when I was a member of the Roman Catholic Church — are now brain

washing and mind control."

Baughman said, "After a while, you get a little tired of defending" the church against cult charges.

"Ninty-five percent of all people who get involved, eventually leave," he added. "If we were a cult, we're not doing a very good job."

Baughman, like all church members, had his marriage arranged and was one of the more than 4,000 Unification Church members married by Moon and his wife at a 1982 ceremony in New York City's Madison Square Garden.

"It was an interesting situation, not an unpersonal service or a cattle drive," Baughman said. "We were married as a community. We have a great time on our anniversary."

Baughman said he knew his Korean wife for three years before they were married. "All church members have to go through a three-year courtship. Even those who meet just before they were married, carry the courtship period into marriage."

Baughman defended Moon's extra-

vagant lifestyle and his expansive business enterprises. "I've been to his house and it's not a mansion. Yes it's big, but he has 13 children," Baughman said.

"It's funny, the concept that money is evil, that if you are a (religious leader) and you have money than something is

wrong. It is the love of money that is evil. Religion can use money in a good way," Baughman explained.

Alluding to the Jonestown Massacre, Baughman jokingly invited everyone to drink the punch at the reception following the event.

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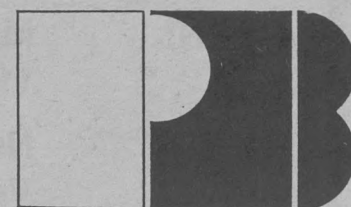
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Academic Affairs to award 60 free computer hookups

by Jim Peterson
Asst. News Editor

In an effort to increase the number of people using the new expanded services on GW's university-wide computer network, Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick S. French announced his office will fund \$18,000 for the installation of 60 new computer connections to the network. The new computers will be awarded on a competitive basis for use by University departments and chairs.

GW is presently in a "paradoxical situation... The number of users of the system is not expanding in the right correlation with the expansion of services available," French stated in the memo.

He said the primary inhibition in obtaining more computer users was the initial \$300 installation fee.

Director of Telecommunications Robert Longshore said the fee is the cost GW pays for the electronic card from AT&T which allows the system to service another user.

New services available on the network include the Gelman Library's card catalog and access to student records for advisers and deans, Longshore said.

"We hope to get all administrative systems available to all who need them for later this calendar year," he said.

Some stayed away from the services because of the user fees.

"The sense in the academic community was that it was a very steep price to pay," said Philip Wirtz, chairman of the Advisory Council on Academic

Computing and Information Services. "The possible users were resistant to having the system installed because of the fee."

Based on award recommendations by the council to individuals and GW departments, Wirtz said the Academic Affairs Division will pay the installation fee for the 60 new computer parts.

The council met Friday to create and evaluate the criteria needed to choose the 60 recipients. Since several deans announced they did not have adequate time to prepare their proposals, Wirtz said the council extended the filing deadline from March 5 to March 21.

Although he said he had not actually seen the submitted applications, Wirtz expects about 100 proposals for the free installation.

He said the 11-member council, consisting of representatives from all the schools and several at-large and ex-officio members, planned their strategy Friday to determine the proposal winners.

"What I hope to get is a process where we will all decide. I hope the decision will be made as a result of the meeting. This is my fervent hope that we will have a full-time consensus on the decision," Wirtz said prior to Friday's meeting.

Wirtz said he expects French to announce those receiving the free hookups shortly.

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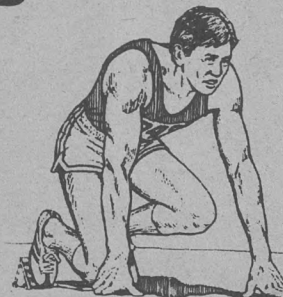
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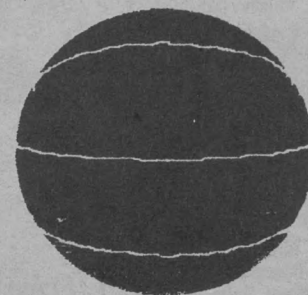
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MC opens art show

"The Look of Art at GW," on exhibit in the Marvin Center's Colonnade Gallery, features 27 artists' original works, including paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, ceramics and jewelry.

The exhibit will be on display through April 2, at which time the pieces will be auctioned to the public.

Voters cast 105 ballots at a reception for the University's Community Choice Award, in order to give "GW at-large the opportunity to honor their favorite works," Colonnade Gallery Coordinator Jason Glance said.

The winners and honorable mention selections will receive gift certificates for art supplies "to continue doing what they're honored for," he added.

The auction raises funds for the Student Art League, Glance said, and the proceeds are split between the artists (for their works) and league in order to continue the Community Choice Award, lectures and other events.

The exhibit is sponsored by GW's Student Art League, the Office of Campus Life and the Marvin Center Governing Board.

-Gigi Ilkay

Correction

In an article in the March 22 edition of The GW Hatchet, "Stork makes a landing at student's doorstep," a breech birth

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According to Sharon Hughes, assistant editor of the Wooden Teeth, about 30 people attended the coffee house. "I

was disappointed that more bands didn't show up because it takes bands to keep people coming," she said.

Friday's three performances consisted of a band, a keyboardist and several poetry readings. Hughes attributed an early close of the evening to the lack of performers.

The Wooden Teeth publishes an art and literary magazine twice a year to showcase short stories, poetry, artwork and photography submitted by GW students and faculty. The group also holds a meeting every Tuesday night in Marvin Center 431 during the school year.

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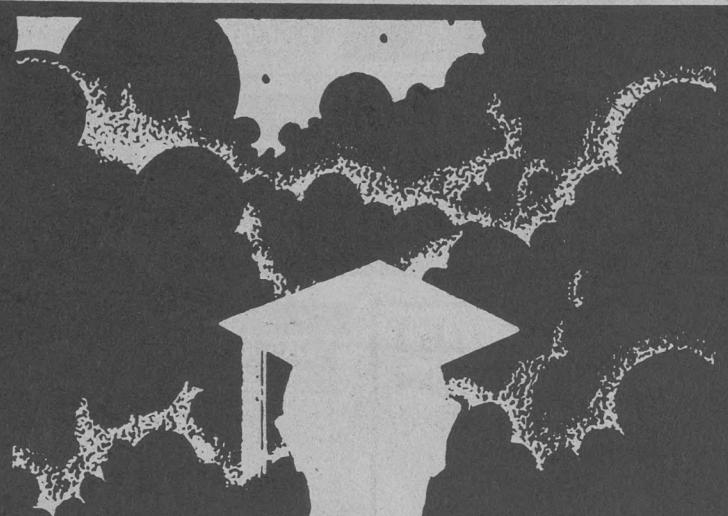
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- 1: Who declared: "I think I'll go out and milk the elk"?
- 2: Through what capital city does the Liffey River flow?
- 3: Who was made the first honorary citizen of the U.S.?
- 4: What city was chosen to host, and then refused, the 1976 Winter Olympics?
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Sports

Gymnasts place 6th at A-10s

The GW gymnastics team closed out its season with a sixth-place finish Saturday at the Atlantic 10 Conference Championships in Amherst, Massachusetts. Penn State won for the eighth year in a row with a score of 187.45.

The Colonial women — coming off a school-record score of 181.75 at the Shands Invitational at the University of Florida, March 9 — tallied 176.25 points as GW had its lowest team-vault score of the year (44.3) and its second-lowest uneven-bar score.

Freshman Kathy Goonan continued her excellent rookie season leading the Colonial women in scores on the vault (9.1), the balance beam (9.05) and the floor exercise (9.15).

GW head coach Margie Cunningham said the Colonial women's balance beam performance hurt the most. "The balance beam is where we usually catch up to other teams," she said. Cunningham said she counted six falls for GW on the beam.

"I was disappointed. We really have pressure on us because we are trying to qualify for regionals."

The top seven teams in each region qualify for post-season competition. GW is currently in eighth place in the Southeast regional, behind the University of Maryland.

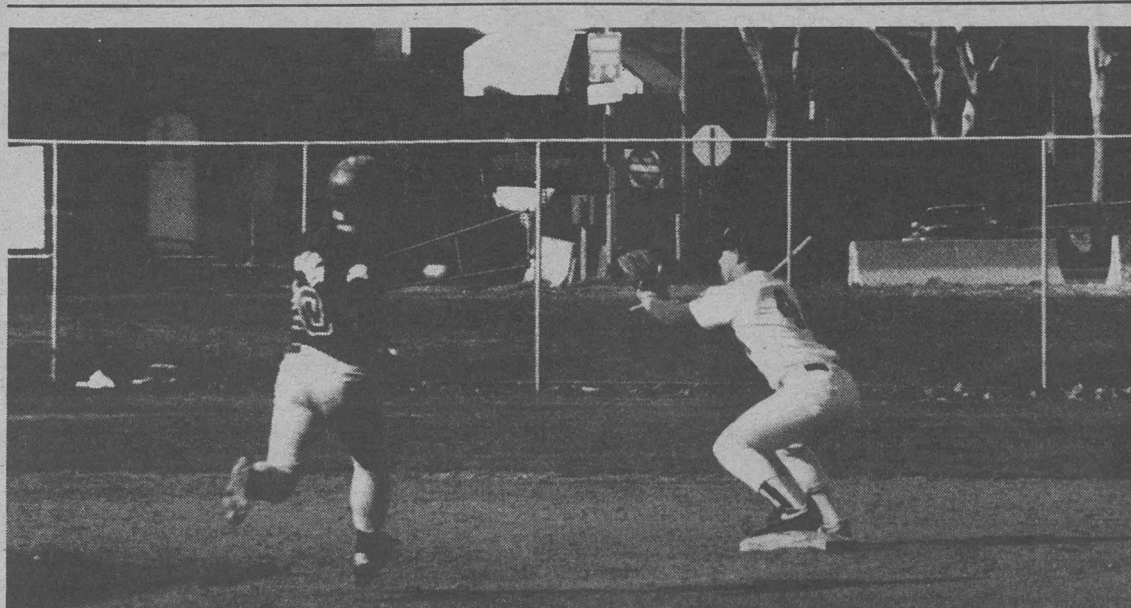
"We really needed to do well," she said. "I just don't think one meet is going to do it."

When asked if GW had an outside chance of catching Maryland, Cunningham said, "Honestly, no."

GW will be represented individually at the regionals by Goonan, juniors Lisa Geczik and Algela Sarno in the all-around.

Flips — GW competes at North Carolina State Friday at 7 p.m.

—David Weber



This was one of the few ODU runners who did not score in the 18-6 trouncing of GW. photo by Greg Heller

GW batters whipped by ODU, 18-6

by Holger Stolzenberg

Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW baseball team was crushed by Old Dominion University Thursday, 18-6, dropping the Colonials' record to 3-18 on the season. Starting pitcher Gino Goldfarb (0-6) gave up eight earned runs in 2 2/3 innings to earn his sixth loss.

GW was not able to play its four Atlantic 10 Conference opening games against St. Bonaventure Saturday and Sunday due to snow. Two of the games will be replayed today.

"Everyone is really pumped for these games," Fletcher said. "To us, the season is at zero and zero, and we are still the Atlantic 10 Champions."

The Monarchs scored one run in the first and second innings and then knocked Goldfarb out of the game with six runs in the third.

The Colonials countered in the bottom half of the inning with three runs. Brian Jenkins led off with a single, followed by a walk to Ken LeVan. With runners on first and second, Pat Takitch doubled, driving in Jenkins and LeVan. After a pop-out, David Fletcher singled, driving in Takitch and bringing GW within, 8-3.

After getting three runs in the fourth, ODU added four more in the fifth off of GW's Billy Arnold, widening the gap to 15-3. Arnold was replaced by Jack Martin, who

went 3 2/3 innings, yielding no runs on three hits and two walks.

GW got its final three runs from Scott Jason who hit a three-run home run in the eighth inning. Fletcher and George Baker walked to lead off the inning, before Jason's homer.

Reliever Mike Welch pitched the final inning, allowing the final three ODU runs to close the game at 18-6.

"The team played bad," head coach John Castleberry said. "We've been in a post-Spring syndrome, which I hope we snap out of tomorrow. Our pitchers were not ready to throw, but I hope that we snap out of it."

"It was a tough loss," Fletcher said. "Everyone is tired and drained from the (West Coast spring) road trip."

"It's frustrating," said new shortstop Takitch. "We struggled early in the game, and weren't able to catch up."

GW has been forced to change its infield in the past few games due to the injury of shortstop Darin Rentch. Takitch jumped from third base to short, while first baseman Baker moved to third and center fielder Welch went back to first.

"There was enough depth in the outfield to move him, and it has improved the infield overall," Castleberry said.

On deck — GW will make up one double header against St. Bonaventure today at 12:30 p.m. at RFK/Auxiliary Field.

Crews row to victory in 4 races

by David Weber

Sports Editor

Rowing in the snow, rain and wind, two GW heavyweight women's novice eight boats, the women's varsity eight boat and GW's men's varsity eight boat, all won by wide margins at the Washington College Regatta in Chestertown, Md., Saturday.

The first GW women's novice eight boat won in 7:17, 23 seconds ahead of Colgate. A second GW crew won in 7:08, beating LaSalle by 22 seconds.

The women's varsity eight had a 13-second margin of victory finishing in 6:30, beating GW's women's lightweight eight crew.

"The women's varsity is really fast. We'll really show that later in the season," GW head coach Paul Wilkins said. "Our only competition was our lightweight boat."

The men's varsity eight (6:18) coasted past Washington (6:33).

"Our men's varsity eight is very small," Wilkins said. "We have only two heavyweights in the boat — the rest are lightweights — and we just thumped them. It was great."

In the most exciting match of the day, the GW men's junior varsity eight saw LaSalle nip GW by .5 seconds, despite an illegal start by the Explorers.

"LaSalle jumped a start, and (the officials) saw it and then we went," Wilkins said. "I don't want to belabor it... but we would have won."

"They got it this time, but the way we look at it is we'll see them next weekend," he added.

Wilkins said the officials allowed the violation because of the weather. "The conditions were really wretched," he said. "Visibility was only 500 meters and they did not want to keep the boat on the water very long."

LaSalle (6:17) also won the men's novice eight, as GW finished second (6:27).

The men's novice lightweight eight finished seven seconds behind first-place LaSalle (7:44) while the men's varsity four finished second (6:54) to Washington (6:37).

The women's varsity four (9:07) finished second to Washington College (8:42).

Wilkins said GW does not usually race four boats but "just threw a team together" Saturday.

The competition at the regatta was not very strong, according to Wilkins. "We had a much better team," he said. "Being it was the first meet of the season, we got to try some different combinations."

Strokes — GW crews next jump in the water Saturday at Philadelphia in the Metro-Atlantic Championships. The Colonials will go up against Drexel, Villanova, LaSalle, Army Fordham. Sunday, GW races at the Occoquan starting at 11 a.m.

Kuester — the man, the myth, the legend

The yearlong wait is over. We all knew it was coming, but last Monday, the decision was finally made public. No more speculation, no more delaying. Finally, John Kuester had been fired as head coach of the GW men's basketball team.

But instead of feeling excited or happy about the decision, I could not help but feel some sadness over the event. I felt as if I was at wake — that someone I had known died. In all my months of waiting and anticipating, I had gotten caught up in what was going on

Ted Gotsch

and had forgotten to take into account that Kuester is human, like anyone else. I felt pity for the man who had tried, but in five years could never accomplish what he was hired to do — give GW a winning basketball program.

Kuester was a man who had hope for the program, though many times it was unwarranted. Even in the worst of situations, he always would find a positive event, at least for the press. That was extremely frustrating to me as a reporter, but you learned to expect it.

It was the way he was as GW's coach.

However, at a press conference after his final game against Penn State, that hope had noticeably faded. He was a man defeated and for the first time since I had covered the team, there was no optimism to come out of the evenings loss. As I asked him about his future, one that had been in jeopardy for more than a year, he could no longer skirt his way around the question. All he could do is sit quietly and shrug.

Yet though I feel sorry for the man, I still believe that there was no other decision that could be made. His record speaks for itself and is obviously one that no one could be proud of. It just is not acceptable. And though the win-loss record had drastically improved from the year before, it is hard very not to drastically improve from a 1-27 record. It was nice to win 14 games this season, but in our conference that sent only one team to the NCAA's, there is no excuse why we could not of been better.

There was no question of talent this year. True, we are no UNLV or Duke, but we should have been able to match up with just about anyone in the conference. We showed that talent in victories over West Virginia and Massachusetts, but then we showed how bad we could be in losses to Maryland/Baltimore County, Division II Florida Institute of Technology and Duquesne. (Twice!) While it can be understood that occasionally a team might be upset, these losses epitomize the type of season the Colonials had.

Make no excuses for Kuester. Offensively, especially against solid defensive clubs like Penn State, GW was out of sync. Every time, Penn State beat us on the boards — every time. They have no fantastic players, no one who shines over ours. It was evident in those games that we were just out-coached. By the third time we played them, we should have picked up what they were doing and had a plan to stop it. But we did not, so we lost.

It is obviously a coach's responsibility to handle his players and keep his team in harmony. Respect for a coach from his players is essential, and it obviously did not exist with the Colonials. Only the players does know the specifics of what those problems were. Kuester did not, and it cost him his team's best effort, who by their own admission, did not want to play hard. While that is an inexcusable action, it is sad it had to come to that point.

As GW searches for its new coach, it is important that the administration finds one who can recruit in this city, full of basketball resources. If we can begin to tap the talent that comes out of Washington, it will make the transition to a successful basketball program much easier. That, plus improvement in the overall coaching of the team, should spell an exciting seasons for the Colonials in the future.

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